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1. AMBASSADOR ELIOT'S PLANS VISIT GENEVA WEEK OF NOV 5 ARE CONVENIENT ALL CONCERNED. CHECK WITH MARTENS REVEALS HE WILL DEFINITELY BE IN TOWN AND AVAILABLE. MISOFF RECOMMENDS THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO MEET WITH INCB PRESIDENT GREENFIELD AND BOARD SECRETARY DITTERT, BOTH OF WHOM WILL BE IN GENEVA. GOUGH WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP FIRM DATES AMBASSADOR'S VISIT SO THAT DETAILED PROGRAM CAN BE FIXED. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFO CONCERNING AMBASSADOR ELIOT'S PREFERENCE RE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. MISOFF QUERIED MARTENS RE AMBASSADOR'S MAKING STOPOVER IN BONN TO DISCUSS FRG POLICE ADVISORY ROLE. MARTENS ADVISES AGAINST, NOTING THAT AFGHAN GOVT'S POSITION ON FRG ROLE CURRENTLY SEEMS BE TOO UNCLEAR TO PERMIT MATTER BE USEFULLY PURSUED BONN AT THIS TIME. ADDS HE HAS HAD LENGTHY TALK WITH OSMAN, JUST RETURNED FROM KABUL, AND IN LIGHT OF OSMAN'S COMMENTS IT APPEARS THAT AFGHANS HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRG TEAM, ARE AWARE OF POLICE ADVISORY ASSISTANCE
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GIVEN BY SWEDEN ELSEWHERE, AND ARE NOW -INSISTING" ON

SWEDISH ASSISTANCE THIS FIELD. MARTENS NOTES THAT SITUATION IS EMBARRASSING SINCE HE HAS ALREADY ASKED FRG TO MAINTAIN ITS TEAM AND SUPPLY POLICE ADVISORY EXPERT FOR UNFDAC PROJECT. ADDS HE INTENDING SEEK CLARIFY SITUATION RE AFGHAN POSITION AND THEN DECIDE WHAT DO VIS-A-VIS FRG.

2. DAVIES SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD MISOFF THAT FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH OSMAN HE HAS RECEIVED IMPRESSION SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM MARTENS' RE AFGHAN ATTITUDE TOWARD FRG POLICE ADVISORY GROUP. SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS FROM OSMAN'S STATEMENTS THAT WHILE AFGHANS HAVE DEFINITE RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRG GROUP BECAUSE OF "LACK OF TACT" IT HAS DISPLAYED, AFGHANS APPARENTLY WANT NEVERTHELESS KEEP FRG GROUP WHILE AT SAME TIME "BLANCING" IT WITH POLICE ADVISERS FROM NEUTRAL COUNTRY AND WISH UN POLICE ADVISORY EXPERT TO BE SWEDISH.

3. COMMENT: MISOFF'S TALK WITH OSMAN OCT 9 (HELD PRIOR TALK MARTENS/DAVIES) WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. WHILE QUESTION OF FRG GROUP NOT DISCUSSED, OSMAN SAID IT IS AFGHAN GOVT'S "WISH" (INITIALLY HE USED WORD "POLICY") THAT ALL ASSISTANCE TEAMS BE "BALANCED". OSMAN NOTED THIS MEANT THAT IF PARTICULAR TEAM INCLUDED AN AMERICAN, THEN AFGHANS WOULD WANT TEAM BALANCED BY INCLUSION EE NATIONAL, PREFERABLY FROM SMALL COUNTRY LIKE CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND WOULD WISH HEAD OF TEAM TO BE NATIONAL OF "NEUTRAL" COUNTRY LIKE SWEDEN.BASSIN

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